GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:378
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2008
GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON RESPONSIBLE TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India hosted a Global Conference on 'Responsible Tourism' alongwith Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala in Kochi recently;

(b) if so, the main theme of the conference and the decision arrived at in promoting sustainable tourism;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to implement the 'Cape Town Declaration' of 2002 for adopting good practices in the tourism industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.378 ANSWERED ON 17.04.2008 REGARDING GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON 'RESPONSIBLE TOURISM'.

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The main theme of the conference was responsible tourism which focuses on sustainable local, social and economic development and environmental sustainability. The conference came up with recommendations and action plans for ensuring the same.

Through the National Tourism Policy, 2002, the Ministry of Tourism has adopted good practices for ensuring responsible and sustainable tourism, such as development of a community oriented approach, community involvement, sustainable use of resources etc., which are also the guiding principles of the Cape Town Declaration 2002.